

June 1, 1971

**Dr. Harvey B. Scribner, Chancellor
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Dear Dr. Scribner:

The undersigned graduates of the Stuyvesant High School have learned of plans to absorb this school into the mainstream of the N. Y. C. high schools, a step which would transform it into a neighborhood school with its concomitant characteristics.

We strongly urge that this plan be abandoned!

We recognize and approve of genuine integration as enunciated by the 1954 decision of the Supreme Court of the United States. We, therefore, recommend that there be an intensification and enlargement of the summer study programs which have enabled hundreds of marginal students to gain acceptance by Stuyvesant High School via the traditional entrance examination. However, the entrance examination requirement must be retained.

It is inconceivable to us that the N. Y. C. Board of Education would agree to alter the basic nature of Stuyvesant, a school which for the last 65 years has provided the fount of inspiration for many thousands of professionals in fields of medicine, engineering, teaching, law, etc.

The number of 1956, 1957 Stuyvesant graduates who achieved Ph. D. status represented the largest concentration of scholars from any one high school in the nation. At least 10% of every graduating class - average number 650 - become M. D.'s.

It would be an act of extreme folly to eliminate a school where large numbers of N. Y. State scholarship winners, Westinghouse Science Award winners, Merit Scholarship winners and winners of innumerable other academic honors, have served to establish the unique character of Stuyvesant High School. To cite the accomplishments of a typical class - 1962 - which numbered 720 graduates, 680 (all but 40) won N. Y. State Regents scholarships. A small number were named alternates, by virtue of having barely missed the required score. The latter, nevertheless, were granted the scholarships since a great proportion of their colleagues chose to accept more liberal offerings by Ivy League and other colleges from out of New York State.

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Why destroy a school of proven success, the budgetary requirements of which are minimal when its returns are maximum?

Princeton University would not countenance the elimination of its Institute for Advanced Studies which, incidentally, lists among its staff members - Dr. Marshall Rosenbluth (Stuyvesant 1943) Professor of Physics and world authority in the area of Plasma Physics. Nobel Laureate (1958) Joshua Lederberg was a Stuyvesant graduate in 1941.

These are but two out of thousands who have achieved greatness in academic communities throughout the length and breadth of our nation.

Just as New York City finds itself providing greatly increased financial aid for newly modified curricula, for increased guidance and for endless funding of specialized programs in our troubled public schools, so must it hold fast to a school like Stuyvesant - which continues to maintain high standards and to fulfill the needs of the many highly motivated and impressionable adolescents.

Respectfully,

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